

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1714
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1714 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the effects of climate change through 2050 to protect the State's economy, health, environment, and way of life by establishing a statewide climate adaptation plan. Among other things, this measure, as received would establish an Interagency Climate Council to facilitate ongoing coordination among state departments, counties, federal agencies, and partners to assess major areas of climate change affecting the State and counties through 2050.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning; Department of Health; State Sustainability Coordinator; Office of Environmental Quality Control; University of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Nature Conservancy; and a few concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Windward Ahupuaa Alliance and Building Industry Association commented on this measure.

Your Committee specifically notes the concerns raised by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Office of Planning, as the agencies tasked with the establishment of the climate adaptation plan. The Department of Land and Natural Resources requested that this climate change campaign initially



focus on the effects of sea level rise. By focusing on sea level rise, the State would best be able to address the most urgent vulnerabilities, while building a solid framework for research, planning, and interagency coordination to address other major areas of climate change impacts through a long-term process.

After careful deliberation, your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the recommendations from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Office of Planning. As amended, this measure:

- (1) Focuses on the impact of sea level rise on Hawaii and supports ongoing climate change adaption efforts of the State, in addition to addressing the effects of climate change through 2050 to protect the State's economy, health, environment, and way of life;
- (2) Establishes the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee, instead of the Interagency Climate Council, to be placed administratively with the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (3) Requires the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee to develop interim, final, and updated reports on Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation and to submit the reports to the Legislature. The interim report is due November 30, 2015; the final report is due November 30, 2016; and update reports are due November 30, 2021, and every five years thereafter until November 30, 2050;
- (4) Authorizes the Office of Planning to coordinate the development of a statewide climate adaptation plan and use the Report as a framework for other climate threats and climate change adaptation priorities identified in Act 286, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012; and
- (5) Makes the following appropriations:
 - (A) \$57,720 and associated overhead of \$1,154 for FY 2014-2015 for staffing and resources relative to strategic climate change adaptation plans to be expended by the Office of Planning;



- (B) \$57,720 and associated overhead of \$1,154 for FY 2014-2015 for staffing and resources relative to strategic climate change adaptation plans to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (C) \$400,000 for FY 2014-2015 to research and develop a coordinated, multidisciplinary sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (D) \$50,000 for FY 2014-2015 for the Office of Planning to carry out its duties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1714, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1714, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB1714 | Committee Referral: EEP, FIN | Date: 2/6/14 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| EEP Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. LEE, Chris (C) | X | | | |
| 2. THIELEN, Cynthia (VC) | X | | | |
| 3. CULLEN, Ty J.K. | X | | | |
| 4. EVANS, Cindy | X | | | |
| 5. HANOANO, Faye P. | | | | X |
| 6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. | X | | | |
| 7. SAY, Calvin K.Y. | X | | | |
| 8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | X | | | |
| 9. LOWEN, Nicole E. | X | | | |
| 10. FALE, Richard Lee | X | | | |
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| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Cynthia Thielen</i></u> | | | | |
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